

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Previously Presented) A disposable filter, comprising:
 - a filtering bag with an opening, said bag being made of a non-woven, synthetic material having filtering perforations, and
 - a substantially flat, stretchable band extending along the periphery of said opening, facilitating the easy attachment and detachment of said bag within a liquid filtering apparatus.
2. (Previously Presented) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filtering perforations are of a size between 70 to 80 microns.
3. (Previously Presented) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filter has an air permeability as follows:
 - for 1 mbar – 325 cm³/cm²/sec;
 - for 2 mbar – 510 cm³/cm²/sec, and
 - for 3 mbar – 850 cm³/cm²/sec.
4. (Previously Presented) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filter has a stretching strength of about 100.0 length and 60.5 width, and a bursting strength of about 80 lb/in².
5. (Previously Presented) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filter is made of polypropylene having a weight of about 51.2 g/m².
6. (Previously Presented) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said stretchable band is of a substantially rectangular cross-section.
7. (Previously Presented) In a swimming pool cleaning apparatus including a framework having a peripheral recess for supporting a filter, the improvement comprising:

a disposable filter;

a filtering bag with an opening defined by a rim, said bag being made of a non-woven, synthetic material having filtering perforations, and

a substantially flat, stretchable band extending along said rim of the opening, the band being sized to fit into said recess in a stretched state, facilitating the easy attachment and detachment of the bag on said framework.

8. (Currently Amended) [In the] The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filtering perforations are of a size between 70 to 80 microns.

9. (Currently Amended) [In the] The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filter has an air permeability as follows:

for 1 mbar – 325 cm³/cm²/sec;

for 2 mbar – 510 cm³/cm²/sec, and

for 3 mbar – 850 cm³/cm²/sec.

10. (Currently Amended) [In the] The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filter has a stretching strength of about 100.0 length and 60.5 width, and a bursting strength of about 80 lb/in².

11. (Currently Amended) [In the] The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filter is made of polypropylene having a weight of about 51.2 g/m².

12. (Currently Amended) [In the] The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said stretchable band is of a substantially rectangular cross-section.

13. (Currently Amended) [In the] The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the filter in its assembled state is slipped over said framework with a stretchable opening tightly surrounding and clinging to a recessed strip.